

## MARINE INFORMATION

## PUBLICATION-NIMA

## INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS

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Note: Copies of the above publication may be obtained from National Ocean Service Sales Agents.

## SHIP HOSTILE ACTION REPORT (SHAR)

Rapid dissemination of a SHAR (Ship Hostile Action Report) is vital so that a radio broadcast warning, if needed, may be promulgated as soon as possible. When a SHAR is received by NIMA, it is reviewed and (if appropriate) sent to the Department of State for action. A SHAR can result in the promulgation of NAVAREAs, HYDROLANTs, HYDROPACs, and SPECIAL WARNINGS. A SHAR is not a distress message.

The text of a SHAR message should include the acronym SHAR, the location or position of the incident, a brief description of the situation, the INMARSAT identity of the ship transmitting the SHAR, the INMARSAT Ocean Region guarded, and the call sign of the coast radio station being guarded, if any. The following is an example of the procedure vessels can use to send a SHAR message to NIMA via either INMARSAT-A or INMARSAT-B TELEX.

IDB A INMARSAT 12/JLY/99 21:30:46 ← *Coast Earth Station and Date-Time Group*

1514205 MMAA X ← *Answer back identifying vessel*

GA+ ← *Go ahead from Coast Earth Station*

002389334+ ←

NIMA USA ← *Answer back from NIMA*

"00" Auto service code for INMARSAT  
 "23" Telex country code for the United States  
 "898334" NIMA's telex number  
 "+" Completes dialing string

FM M/V HYDRO  
 TO NIMA NAVSAFETY  
 BETHESDA MD  
 TELEX 8983334

SHAR SHAR SHAR

AMERICAN FREIGHTER OBSERVED HIT BY SEVERAL ROCKETS FIRED  
 FROM UNKNOWN LAND BASED SOURCE WHILE TRANSITTING  
 NORTH MITSIEWA CHANNEL.

INCIDENT OCCURRED AT 132300Z NOV 99 IN POSITION 16-24N 039-13E.

GUARDING COASTAL STATION JEDDAH IZH AND AOR-EAST SATELLITE,  
 INMARSAT ID 1514205.

CAPTAIN SMITH

*Text*

NIMA USA ← *Answer back from NIMA*

1514205 MMAA X ← *Answer back from vessel*

..... ← *Sequence of five periods terminating the transmission*

IDB A ILXACD SN4252  
 CALL 0023898334  
 2 MINS 6 SECS

*Summary of call*